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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 14 and 15 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(i) as set forth herewith. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix A.

5. (Amended) The dielectric filter according to claim 2, wherein either a step or a cavity is provided on the dielectric block, and the separated electrode is provided on the step or in the cavity.

14. (Amended) An antenna sharing device comprising a pair of filters, respective terminals of said filters being connected together, one of said filters being a dielectric filter according to any one of claims 1, 3, and 12.

15. (Amended) A communication device comprising a high-frequency circuit comprising one of a transmitting circuit and a receiving circuit, said circuit including a dielectric filter according to any one of claims 1, 3, and 12.

The optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix B.